(e) whether any repeat order has been placed for these systems; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. The department has procured pair gain systems from two, manufacturers of Himachal Pradesh namely M/s. Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd. (M/s. HFCL), Solan and M/s. Ramsan Communications Ltd. (M/s. RCL), Shogi.

(b) The information is given below:

Name of Supplier	System capacity procured till 31.12.95	No. of systems	Total cost Rs. in crores
HFCL Solan	1+1	4,237	78.76
	1+7	10,456	
RCL Shogi	1+7	2,464	16.9

(c) Most of the procured systems are installed and operational but their number at any point is difficult to access as their usage is transient in nature.

(d) No complaint has been received.

(e) and (f) The requirement of these systems being piecemeal, field units have been authorised to purchase the limited number of systems as and when required from approved suppliers.

Posting and Transfer of Staff by MTNL

600. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the Offices and Departments in Delhi where MTNL is functioning as an allied service;

(b) the policy and criteria for posting and transfer of staff and officers at such places;

(c) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into malpractices; and

(d) the steps being taken to avoid long stay of officers and staff at one place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) MTNL took over the management, control and operation of the public telecom network except public telegraph in the state of Delhi w.e.f. 01.04.86.

(b) All the employees working in MTNL, Delhi are on deemed deputation from the DoT. In the case of Group 'A' & 'b' employees, DoT is the appointing/cadre controlling authority. In respect of Group 'C' & 'D' employees at Delhi, the appointing/cadre controlling authority is CGM (NTR), Delhi. However, MTNL Corporate Office has directly recruited about 70 employees. In case of these employees, transfers are done on the basis of tenure and in the interest of service — within Delhi. For Group 'A' & 'B' employees borne on the strength of DoT, transfers are ordered by DoT as per an all India policy, relating to tenure.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Rotational transfers are ordered from time to time on the basis of continuous stay of an officer at one place subject to exigencies of service.

Pending Compensation Cases

601. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UN had settled all the claims of Indians in respect of compensation towards damages suffered by Indians or Indian companies during the Gulf War;

(b) if not, whether there are any claims of Indians or Indian companies still pending with the UN; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to settle the claims?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The United Nations Compensation

Commission (UNCC) has settled 183 Indian Category "B' claims for US $ 700,000. This money is being disbursed to the individual claimants through the four designated nationalised banks, namely, the Central Bank of India, the Indian Overseas Bank, the Syndicate Bank and the Union Bank of India. The UNCC has approved approximately 97,000. Indian Category "A' claims for payment but no money has been transferred by the UNCC for settling these claims. The UNCC is at present scrutinising Category "C' claims. After this, they will take up examination of Category "D' claims and only after that, Category "E' and Category "F' claims which are corporate and Government claims.

The UNCC is exclusively responsible to scrutinise and examine these claims and award payments. The Government is in touch with the UNCC for settling the claims of Indian nationals. However, since the UNCC has no funds at present, the Government is not in a position to make an assessment of the time-frame within which all pending claims will be settled by the UNCC.

Setting up of An Independent Security Commission In Each State

602. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: (a) whether the National Police Commission and some eminent jurists and human rights activists have recommended the setting up of an Independent Security Commission in each State, comprising of the State Home Minister, 4 MLAs to be nominated by the Speaker and 4 other eminent persons from different walks of life, to oversee and supervise the functioning of Police; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter in the context of criminal-politician-bureaucracy-police nexus as brought out in the Vohra Committee Report, political interference in the functioning of the police and increasing incidents of police a trocities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) National Police Commission has recommended the setting up of State Security Commissions, comprising State Minister Incharge of Police as ex-officio Chairman and six others as Members-2 Members from State Legislature and remaining 4 Members from different walks of life.

(b) The recommendation was forwarded to all State Governments for implementation. Attention of the Chief Ministers was also drawn for its early implementation. "police' being a State subject, it is for the State Government to take a decision on this recommendation.

Closure of Guest Houses, Lodges and Hotels in Residential Areas in Delhi

603. SHRI K.M. KHAN:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has ordered the closure of all lodges, hotels and guest houses located in residential areas in Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the number of such guest houses, lodges and hotels closed, area-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Variations in Oil Usage and Loss in Refineries

604. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been not only large variations in oil usage and oil losses in defferent refineries in India, but also that these figures are higher than the standard norms;

(b) the norms for oil usage and oil losses and the actual oil consumption and oil losses in different refineries during the last three years